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of large and 1,266 pieces of small baggage. Twenty-six pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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JAPAN.

Report on plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, June 7, 1900.

SIR: My last report of plague was dated on the 2d instant. I have the honor to inform you that since that date cases have been reported as follows: June 4, at Osaka, 3; in Shidzuoka Ken, 1; June 5, Osaka, 4; Shidzuoka Ken, 1.

I can learn nothing further of the cases of suspicious disease reported in my last as occurring in Akita Ken and at the city of Nara. They have probably proved to be of some malady other than plague.

The latest returns from Formosa indicate a decided increase in the virulence of the pest epidemic, but I am unable to obtain any reliable statistics.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report on plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, June 12, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to notify you that since my latest report of June 7 cases of plague have been returned as follows: June 7, at Osaka, 1; June 9, at Osaka, 1.

The home department stated on the 8th instant that since the renewed outbreak of the epidemic, April 8, there have been in all 39 cases at Osaka, of which 32 died and 7 were under treatment; and that 13 cases had occurred in Shidzuoka Ken since May 6, all of them proving fatal. These figures are slightly in excess of those of my own compilation, which to date aggregate 37 for Osaka and 11 for Shidzuoka Prefecture.

A case of plague was removed, on the 6th instant, from the Japanese steamship *Yeijo Maru* upon her arrival from Formosa at the quarantine station at Nagasaki.

From the town of Hamamatsu, in Shidzuoka Ken, where several cases of plague have occurred, of which you have already been informed, the authorities report the completion of a thorough cleansing and disinfection of the town at an expenditure of over 20,000 yen, no new case having been met with since June 1.

On June 6 the police department of Tokyo began the greatly needed and criminally delayed cleansing of the city and its environs.

From all appearances the sanitary measures which are in operation in the infected districts of Osaka and Shidzuoka kens are effective in holding the disease in check, if not in eradicating it.

I am utterly unable to obtain reliable information as to the progress of dysentery this season. The question of plague takes precedence.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
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